# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY RADIO
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government proposes to amend law for promotion of community radio in the country ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard ;

(c) Whether the Government has evaluated the success registered by II-Phase of FM Radio ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The time by which the policy for III-Phase FM Radio is likely to be prepared and finalised ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) The Government has since taken a decision to grant permission for setting up community radio stations to 'Non-profit' organizations viz. Civil Society & Voluntary organizations, State Agricultural Universities, Indian Council of Agricultural Research

(ICAR) institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendas, Registered Societies and Autonomous bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act or any other such act relevant for the purpose in addition to the educational institutions, subject to fulfillment of the eligibility conditions.

(c) & (d) The process of implementation of Phase II is in full swing and the success of the scheme can be evaluated only on completion of the entire process..

(e) There is no proposal for the FM Phase III at this stage and no time schedule has been fixed for the same.